

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Mt Annan Botanic Gardens, Campbelltown



Pods and 'leaves'. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Royal Botanic Gardens Mt Annan, near Campbelltown



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Glen Innes

Common name

Black wattle, Early black wattle, Early flowering black wattle, Lamb's tail wattle

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, and **heath.** North and west from Sydney.

Notes

Shrub or tree to 6 m tall, sometimes more. Fleshy seed stalks/**arils**. Bark fissured or slightly corrugated, flaky-fibrous. Branchlets sharply angular, hairless, sometimes slightly **scurfy**, usually red-brown. 'Leaves' **alternating** up the stems, 7-18 cm long, 7-35 mm wide, broader in **juvenile** 'leaves', 'leaves' more or less straight to strongly curved, surfaces hairless, 3 or more longitudinal **veins** more prominent, the lower 2 joining together near the bases, tips pointed to blunt. 1 **marginal gland** at the base. Flower **heads** cream to yellow, cylindrical, 30-100 mm long, paired, occasionally single. Flowering: usually June–October. Pods curved, twisted, or coiled 1–2 times.

Family was Mimosaceae.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Acacia-leiocalyx> (accessed 27 April 2021)

World Wide Wattle line drawings, photos, and description: <http://www.worldwidewattle.com/imagegallery/image.php?p=0&l=1&id=30533&o=1>

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